(ii) Enhancement of Terminal Handling Service charges rendered by AAI, leviable on airlines at IGI airport, Delhi and Chennai airports;

(iii) Commissioning of the State-of-the-Art Centre for Perishable Cargo at Mumbai airport;

(iv) Privatisation of the operation, management and maintenance of the state-of-the-art centres for Perishable cargo at IGI airport, Delhi and Chennai airports.

Development of Muzaffarpur Airport

†2435. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the airports which are propsoed to be developed and the cities planned to be linked with air services;

(b) whether Government propose to develop the airport at Muzaffarpur and link it with air services to other States;

(c) if so, by when the same is likely to be started; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Airports Authority of India is developing Kangra, Jaipur, Jammu, Leh, Lucknow, Pathankot, Varanasi, Bhubaneshwar, Gaya, Bhuj, Jabalpur, Porbandar, Rajamundry, Agartala, Dimapur, Guwahati, Tezpur, Lilabari and Imphal. Due to aircraft capacity constraints Indian Airlines have no plans, at present, to add any new station on its domestic network.

(b) to (d) Muzaffarpur airport is at a distance of only 75 kms. from Patna and the needs of the air passengers to/from Muzaffarpur are at present met by air services to/from Patna. Till date, no Airline has projected the requirement for operating their air services through this airport. As such, Airports Authority of India has no development plans for this airport.

Illegal agencies at Airports

2436. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security

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in its recent survey has expressed "Concern over illegal agencies mushrooming at airport" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 22nd July, 2001;

(b) whether these agencies are reportedly handling ground activities at Domestic and IGI Airport with an access to Terminal Buildings;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of actual authorised agencies;

(d) whether stringent security measures so far have been taken against them by the Airports Authority of India; and

(e) the recommendations made by the Airport Security Committee in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (e) The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) had expressed concern over the entrusting of the task of security by airlines to private agencies. This also extended to the field of self-handling by these airlines. This issue was examined and it was decided that till the new Ground Handling Regulations were notified, those agencies may be permitted to provide these services, which meet the conditions laid down by the Airports Authority of India (AAI). Moreover, Hon'ble Delhi High Court has permitted the existing ground handling agencies to continue their operations at IGI Aiport. The new AAI (General Management, Entry for Ground Handling Services) Regulations, 2000, have been notified. In accordance with these Regulations, an operator or carrier may either carry out ground handling service at an airport by itself or engage the services of (i) the Airports Authority of India, (ii) the two national carriers Air India and Indian Airlines and (iii) any other handling agency licensed by AAI. Apart from the above, M/s. Cambata Aviation (P) Limited are carrying out ground handling services at international airports. AAI have initiated the process of selecting private companies for providing ground handling services in a cost efficient and competitive manner, at international airports. Government has also decided to strictly enforce the provision that private security agencies should not be permitted for providing security services to airlines.

Installation of ILS at Jabalpur Airport

†2437. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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